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If this settlement forces Microsoft to change their business practice further than they have, then the consumer will suffer and I will suffer.

This case should never have been tried, never admitted to court and never gone as far as it has. It has harmed a company and by extension has harmed my software development business. I am not paid by Microsoft but my customers purchase products from them. I have already been harmed by the absurd and groundless pursuit by the Clinton Justice department of this important American asset.

I do not believe that it is possible for any software company to be a monopoly since their product, computer software, is simply ideas in a form of speech logical enough to work in a computer. This pursuit of a software company, alleging monopoly, violates my freedom of speech as a computer programmer and harms me in the practice of my consulting business.

Please, do not suppress the honest and aggressive competition to make life easier for Microsofts competitors who arguably fail through lack of competence and not lack of opportunity.

Impose the most minimal penalty possible on Microsoft and get this farce over with.

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